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REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 to 6 and 9 to 11 is noted with appreciation. Rejected claims 7 and 8 and non-elected claim 12 have been canceled.

It is believed that the case is in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should anything further be required here.

Respectfully submitted,

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